#### NEW BOOKS

#### Brief Reviews of Important and Interesting

hesitate to say "Boo!" to her, and we are sure

that anybody seeing her in front of a tobac-

conist's shop would contemplate her, if with

admiration, still without suspicion. But the

Harper Empress looks human and is decidedly

charming. Here the artist has happily de-

tached his Empress from the furniture and hestowed her in an attitude of grace and case,

Her oval face, her arched brows, her large

and languishing eyes, her long and slender

There remains for generations to come untol-

wealth of nature lying hidden within the bowels

of the earth. The mines of Yunnan, though

they have for centuries supplied the Govern ment with copper for the coinage of those

pieces of money commonly known as east

only await the introduction of modern methods

of extraction to yield an annual output as large

as that of the famous Calumet and Hecla mines

The sands of the Yang-tse, washed down from

the highlands of Tibet, contain so much gold

that that part of its course as it enters the

Province of Szechuen is called the River of

Golden Sand." More important still are the deposits of coal which underlie the surface

count its thousands of laborers, every city its

tens of thousands. Experience proves that the

Chinese as all-round laborers can easily dis-

tance all competitors. They are industrious,

intelligent and orderly. They can work under

conditions that would kill a man of less hardy

in w: in heat that would suit a salamander or in

cold that would please a polar bear, sustaining

their energies through long hours of unremit-

have the Chinese the needed capital? "They

they have is usually invested in small busi-

great extent, but it is so utterly lacking in

of utilizing every economic advantage that i

has. Modern methods are its greatest need.

Here is America's opportunity. The Yankee

is never seen to better advantage than when

scale. To direct vast or novel enterprises

is a perfectly new experience to the Chinaman

Give him a junk and he will with ease ride out

the flercest typhoon that ever lashed the seas

But give him an ocean leviathan of the present

day, with its complicated engines, dynamos,

compasses and other modern appliances for

the generous application of that Golden Rule

cut type, good paper and printing in the best

style of the DeVinne Press, together with finely

make these volumes worths of the classics they

enshrine. Volume four is "The Vicar of Wake-

field, "with an introduction by Mr. Henry James,

which, within the limits of its less than a

dozen pages, is a model of delicate and illumin-

delight to follow."

other articles in the book

navigating a ship, and the will be truly

ting toil with only a few bowls of rice."

faults and weaknesses, has been happy in the manner in which a happy man is happy-a New Publications. man, say, who has married an angel or been appointed to a sinecure? We have all heard, In "The Crisis in China" (Harper & Brothers) often enough, of the book's lack of characterizwe have a volume made up of a number of articles by different writers and published ation, weakness of construction, and the rest. Mr. James treats it as the spoiled child of our originally in the North American Review. The frontispiece is a picture of the Dowager Emliterature and is more concerned with its infinite amenity-a something that seems to impregpress of China, which the curious reader may compare with a picture of the same lady connate it with the very soul of the gentle Goldsmith "The author," says Mr. James. ". . never tained in Miss Scidmore's recent and very entertaining book on China published by the lets go our hand; and we, on our side, keep Century Company. Of the two, the Empress hold with a kind of sense, which is one of the most touching things our literature gives us, who is afforded by the Harpers is, to our mind, of all that, by doing so, we make up to him by far the more charming, although we can imagine that from the point of view of a strict for. It helps us to look with a certain steadiness on his battered and miserable life. It helps humorist this might not be accepted as a correct opinion. Miss Scidmore's Empress is in- us even to evoke with a certain joy the free, incurable Irish play of fancy and of character deed a highly interesting figure. She is reproduced from a painting made on silk by | that, in the most English of all English ages that sensitive and subtle delineator of the and circles, drew down on him so much ridicule. There was scarce a difficulty, a dishuman form and features, Li Shih Ch'uan, at some period prior to her twenty-fifth birthday. appointment, an humiliation or a bitterness She sits bolt upright precisely in the middle of a of which he had not intimate and repeated knowledge; and yet the heavy heart that went great throne which is properly uphoistered and supplied with dragons of approved and forcible through all this overflows in the little book design. She does not sit upon her throne in as optimism of the purest water-as good humor, as good taste, and as a drollery that, the manner of the Empresses of Western countries. Her feet do not depend in after all, has oftener its point than its inno-front and rest upon a stool or on the floor, but cence. For these reasons, it would seem, are drawn up within the expansive area of the fortune has singled him out, distinguished him | wards. oushioned seat, where she sits with much prim- with extraor inary favor, dereed that he ness either upon her heels or cross-legged. ally human way. Never was such a revenge A gown of obvious richness, apparently of black velvet relieved with white or yellow against the superior and the patronizing. The silk facings, fits her without a wrinkle and as spirit still speaks to us of all that was taken to produce it, all the privation and pain and though it had been carved out of wood. Disks of fine lace are attached to the gown at regular | abasement, all the ugliness of circumstance intervals, and the whole is bestowed in the a daid; so we piously pluck it and keep it, throne with such stiffness of precision that one | press if between the leaves of the English not knowing it to be a gown might very well prose that we show and beast of, treat it as a mistake it for a Chinese parchesi board. The rare, fine flower that has sprouted in a rough, face of Miss Scidmore's Empress extends and | hard soil." fortifies the impression of the gown. It is a "A Nature-Lover Under Southern Skies" is precise, measured face, most evidently acthe sub-title of Mr. Maurice Thompson's book complished with square and compasses, and we do not believe that a line of it is out of "My Winter Garden" (The Century Company) He writes pleasantly enough of woodland range with the furniture or throne line with sights and sounds and the various incidents of which it is intended to correspond. The days passed out of doors. He takes a secondheaddress of the Empress will be mistaken hand copy of Montaigne or a volume of Theorem for an aspiring part of the throne ritus into the forest to read and then come by anybody who does not look sharp: and indeed the differentiation in a dozen place. "Art and Money" he breathes a gentle sigh for is not sufficient to enable one to be quite sure that golden age when the artist had his patrons where the throne ceases and the Empress and the poet had his pension. Also he goes a begins. That such an Empress should have mes into the woods with his little bow and inspired gallantries and ordered people's heads arrow. And, being a Lover of Nature and of all cut off is extremely difficult to believe things beautiful, when he sees a bird he takes Plenty of bold spirits that we know would no

nose, her shapely hands, her willowy figure, the snow-white parting in her hair, her bracelet entitled "Twelve Great Actors" and "Twelve and earrings, her reasonable and pretty gown Great Actresses" (G. P. Putnam's Sons), Mr. all these contribute to make her a very dif-Edward Robins apparently has had no quali-fications other than those of a well-trained ferent Empress from Miss Scidmore's Empress. although still here we can detect no sign of the reporter. The result of his work is two invastly wicked Empress Downger teresting volumes, without any especial value One of the best of the articles in this book is as theatrical history; just such material as is contributed by Mr. Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese produced daily by good reporters, though Minister at Washington. He considers the postheir work seldom finds itself in such excellent sibilities of mutual helpfulness between China ss as the publishers have given to Mr. Robins's. and the United States. Confucius once, when The twelve great actors are Garrick, Kemble, he was asked for a single word to serve as a Kean, Junius Brutus Booth, Forrest, Macready, guiding principle in life, suggested the word Charles Mathews, Edwin Booth, Fechter, reciprocity." Mr. Wu thinks that the teerning Burton, Sothern and Wallack: the twelve great millions of China are calculated to be good ses are Mrs. Bracegirdle, Mrs. Oldfield, customers of the American manufacturers, and "Peg" Woffington, Mrs. Abington, Mrs. Jordan. that Americans are calculated to supply the need "Perdita" Robinson, Fannie Kemble, Rachel, that China has for the development of her vast Charlotte Cushman, Adelaide Neilson and resources. There are railroads to be built and Ristori. As to the greatness of the players mines to be worked in China, and Americans are wanted there accordingly. "Let the products among them are the leaders of the English of American farms, mills and workshops once stage for two centuries, and also the first among eatch the Chinese fancy, and America need look no further for a market. The present popuregards the former, Dr. Doran has provided Book. larity of American kerosene illustrates the much of the matter which Mr. Robins has readiness of the Chinese to accept any article that fills a long felt want. They have recognized in kerosene a cheap and good illumino much superior to their own put oil, and it he said that he has done his work well; a biography name of America is unknown. Stores in the of a score of pages without dates is much pleasinterior now send their agents to the treaty ports for it." On the other hand, in the vast also without dates, extending over a couple of him and pages or more. and rich territory of China proper "hundreds of generations of men have lived and died without exhausting its richness and fertility.

account of Mrs. Bracegir le, whom, by the author were Bunker Hill, Vittoria, Pievna, way, he calls "the Bracegirdle," a form that the storming of Burkersdorf Heights, Leipzig, he uses in referring to many of the other ac- Lutzen, Badajos, the campaign against New tresses. It is to be noted, too, that Mr. Robins's great actresses are all "artistes," not merely artists. The tale of Capt. Hill's attempt to "lan Hamilton's March" is the title of a abduct Mrs. Bracegirde, told by Doran in fort, Congreve, all appear in Mrs. Bracegirdle's of war at Pretoria. biography in Mr. Robins's book, so that we get rather a brief review of the English stage formation of every province. There is abundant iron too, and as for labor: "Every village can ography of the actress. As a matter of fact, there was not much to write about her.

and more often he gives the landscare a nasty

knock. As when he tells us that the scene

of his operations is "a valley not far from a

prances over smooth boulders on its journey

to kiss a river"-a style of composition that

suggests a somewhat too assiduous chasing

of the merry little Welsh rabbit through the

For compiling the two volumes respectively

Elysian Fields of indigestion.

The best parts of the two volumes have to tresses there is material enough to be had in biographical form already; but of those the bookmaker's art. on whom the curtain has but just fallen, there Mr. Robins has found it.

The illustrations as a whole are well chosen. are a nation of shopkeepers. What capital What is printed as a facsimile of the programme for Garrick's first appearance, however, is ness ventures. It is their instinct to avoid really a facsimile of a playbill prepared long "L'Aiglon," as now being given in New York, large enterprises. Thus the capital in the after the actor's first appearance, which probacountry, though undoubtedly large, may be bly copied as accurately as was convenient likened to a pile of sand on the beach. It has the actual programme-if there was one. A most hideous picture of Miss Neilson is used, cohesion that out of it no lofty structure can though a better and more beautiful one might be built. Before China can be really on the have been found; and portraits of Ristori high road to prosperity it must find means Forrest and Sothern are said to be from "old prints," though Ristori is still alive, and the others not long dead. The portrait of Kitty Clive is in the volume devoted to the actors. though the other volume tells more about the experimenting with a new idea on a colossal

As simple and good reporting, the two books may be commended. They will be interesting to those who do not know much about theatrical history, though they will not replace even Temple Bar's theatrical biographies, or Lewies's book on actors, or flutton's and Matthews's books not to name more important works: and they are excellently turned out, with full indexes and attractive covers.

'all at sea' in knowing how to handle it, even in a dead calm." The conclusion of Mr. Wu's article is just a little curi-In "The United States in the Orient. The ous in the light of recent events, but no Nature of the Economic Problem" (Houghton more could be asked than that the facts should Mifftin & Co.), Mr. Charles A. Conant has colbe in keeping with the spirit of it. All that lected a series of articles originally published | dippincotts in the North American Review, the friendship, helpful exchange of benefits, and Monthly and The Forum. He does not undertake to discuss all aspects of our position in which people of all nations and all creeds should the Orient, concerning himself rather with the economic aspects of the subject than with Gen, James H. Wilson, Admiral Beresford, those that are ethical and political. Though M. Mikhailoff, John Barrett, Sir Charles Dilke. with regard to the latter he has these wise words to say: • • The English-speaking Demetrus C. Boulger, Archibald R. Colquboun, Robert E. Lewis, Charles Johnston, Dr. Gilbert races are preeminently practical rather than Reid and George B. Smyth, President of the severely logical. They do not permit them-Anglo-China College at Foochow, supply the selves to be carried by a syllogism to extreme conclusions. The argument made by our fathers (Putnams.) The "Century Classics," selected edited and consent of the governed was not meant Essa, s." introduced by distinguished men of letters, are that will appeal to all book-lovers. Specially

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after the manner of the philosophers of the statement that the book, with all its palpable French Revolution, is not in accordance with the sober adaptability to conditions as they find them which has ever marked the historic progress of the English-speaking peoples. American liberty, like English liberty, has been a plant of slow growth. It is not adapted to being torn up by the roots and transplanted in its entirety to foreign soil. The Government of the United States, in seeking to establish orderly government in the Philippine Islands, with the limitations which grow out of conditions as they are, and refusing to make promises for future generations, which might not be fulfilled. would seem to be pursuing a wiser course than to expect the people of those islands to set up an ideal republic where even local self-government has hardis taken root and where the sanctions of order and justice which promote industrial development are scarcely understood." The volume is a valuable contribution to that phase of the question of national expansion which concerns itself with the proof that they are not without ethical ideals who believe that upon both the economic and moral side the application of American enterprise to our possessions in their future government will have benefits of a high character and wide scope both for the cence. For these reasons, it would seem, United States themselves and for their island With the view of clearing away what he be-

eves to be some unwarranted misapprehenons, Mr. Jacob L. Greene, Brevet Lieutenantolonel United States Volunteers, issues in ook form a paper which he recently wrote r a Hartford literary club. It is published by Messrs. Belknap & Westleld of Hartford, Conn., under the title "Gen. William B. Franklin and the Operations of the Left Wing at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862 " After reviewing the facts and the proceedings at e subsequent investigation the author concludes thus: "Four main points stand out tinct and clear; the only proper battlefield Fredericksburg was the ground on which ranklin and Jackson confronted each other; the force at Franklin's disposal ought to have cen used to adequate and decisive results als own apprehension of both these facts was perfect, and his accordant scheme of operation as proportioned to both the opportunity and the resistance; at no point of time or of action vas it Gen. Franklin's fault that, despite his argent entreaty, his force was not allowed to essay its proper task on that day.

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Thrust every body - but cut th' ca ards. If Roashia wud shave we'd not be afraid iv ber. It takes a sthrong man to be mean. A mean man t wan that has th' courage not to be gin'rous. When I give a tip 'tis not because I want to, but because I'm wan ly Nature's noblemen. An Englishman appears reserved because he can't

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